country, Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, died

in Chicago recently. She was a force-

ful writer, a brilliant conversationalist,

quick in wit and keen as a Damascus

blade in repartee. A New York man

who knew her history tells the follow-

"Mrs. Sullivan was sent to the last

Paris exposition by the Associated

Press to report the opening. On arriv-

ing in that city she found that no wom-

en were to be admitted at the open-

ing. Rebuffed by one subordinate after

another, she finally fought her way to

the president and appealed to him.

'But, madam,' said the president, 'no

ladies are to be admitted, and you are

a lady.' As quick as a flash she re

first citizen of France is a gentleman.'

off his pins by that clever speech and

Speculative Insurance.

case. A doctor in one of the pottery

cer. The rumor was false, and the doc-

tor, completely recovered of his illness.

was surprised to learn that his char-

woman had staked twopence a week on

The Best Eighty Years.

of the world's history than in the

eighty years in which it has been my

Henry G. Weston, the venerable head

newspaper friend who had called.

done practically as it had been done

for centuries before, only a little bet-

rider, as it was in the days of Alex-

ander the Great; transportation was

days of the ancient Greeks, But I

est things in mechanics, science and

Woman Sexton of a Cemetery.

Another Meriden woman has taker

a position unusual for the fair sex.

Mrs. Annie Gibson has been appointed

by the selectmen as sexton of the East

Her property adjoins the cemetery, and

tract for caring for the yard. The post-

that is opened \$4 is paid to the sexton

and out of this amount she will have

to pay about half to the gravedigger,

Many people owning plots call upon

the sexton to keep the plots in order,

A Matter of Teeth.

went to the local dentist to have a

troublesome tooth drawn. "I want

a tooth held out," he announced.

with a fine air of unconcern, taking

his seat in the chair of torture and

opening his mouth for inspection.

tist, "Thicky there, I reckon," he

replied, pointing a coal grimed fin-

ger toward the one which seemed to

him to be the seat of torment. There

was brief silence, a long, sickening

wrench, and out the supposed of-

miner looked at the tooth gravely,

straight on till ye come to un."

Mildred was just three months old when we took her to a friend's to

show her off. This lady's little boys,

much interested in the sleeping

baby. They asked many questions, such as "Can she eat?" and "Can

she walk?" etc. On discovering that

she had no teeth, that she slept much of the time, that she could

neither talk nor walk, Herbert, the

younger boy, said somewhat pitying-

"I suppose a fellow ought to have

good deal of money saved up be-

"Nonsense! I didn't have a cent

when I started, and I'm getting

"That so? Installment plan?"

ried and keeping house for a year,

and I've got the engagement ring

"Yes, and we've only been mar-

fore he thinks of marrying?"

ly, "Well, when will she be alive?

-Ohio State Journal.

along fine now."

fender came. "Why, this isn't the

Which one is it?" asked the den-

He was a Cornish miner, and he

and from this work she will realize

fair income.-Hartford Times.

delphia Record.

good fortune to live," said the Rev. Dr

"I would not live in any other period

towns was reported to be dying of can

ing story about her:

was admitted."

## TALMAGE SERMON

FRANK DE WITT TALMAGE, D.D., Paster of Jefferson Park Presby-terian Church, Chicago

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 31.-To the that have been torn by dissension or weakened by discord and defection this ermon conveys a powerful and inspir ompany of Christians, acting as a harlous unit, may win great spiritual victories. The text is Judges vii, 6 "And the number of them that lapped, by the lightning rapidity of his moveputting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men.'

No sinecurist is the army's recruiting officer. In most cases, whether in peace or war, the problem which must be solved by the war department is not the brillian military genius attacking can we reject our volunteers?" but "How can we persuade or even next day we find him attacking another compel men to enlist in the ranks?" During America's great civil war ail he is falling upon the defenseless Italhealthy men in the south between the ian fields by boldly scaling the Alps. ages of eighteen and sixty were forced | Another day we see him concentrating to shoulder a musket if unwilling to go his artillery fires upon a separated part as volunteers, while in the north, after of the German army. Napoleon with the volunteers had ceased to respond to his forces would have been wiped off Lincoln's repeated calls for troops, the the face of the earth ten years before 'draft" officers went everywhere.

The story of Gideon's campaign is unique in history. Here was a general He beat Austria and Italy and Gerabout to march against a powerful in- many and Spain by defeating his foes pensed with nine-tenths of his men. Greene won their victories, and it was When General Gideon raised his stand- in this way that "Stonewall" Jackson, ard to repel the invasion of the Mid- with a small force at his back, became teers answered the call to arms. But campaigning upon Virginia soil. So, God said to Gideon, better quality than my friends, as Gideon marshaled his quantity. Better a few loyal and de-round men to repel the invasion than a should be a united band. They must great bost made up of disgruntled and be able to hurl all their spiritual eon, as directed by God, cut down the place and at one time. numbers of that Israelitish army. He cut them down and down and down and down until there were left only three hundred men-only three small companies to follow their intrepid lead- days answering church roll at the mider. But they won the victory. So it week prayer meeting. Wednesday may be in the great conflict between night prayer meeting is even mere immay be in the great conflict between good and evil in this world. Consecrated, loyal, earnest men are needed It is by the comminging of prayers in the struggle for righteousness. The that the spiritual forces of a church falling away of the half hearted, the quarrelsome, need occasion no alarm. The fight is the Lord's, and he can accomplish more with a few brave souls, inspired with the Holy Spirit and deveted to him, than with a host of nominal Christians disloyal to him and antagonistic to one another.

The Church Army. The church should be a harmonious ly organized army. The loyalty with pel conquest going on month in and which one soldier holds to another in the fiational army decides to a great ed the midweek prayer meeting. In extent the aggregate strength of that the other kind of church spiritual re-When going into battle it is sults were never assured. Why? The just as important for a soldier to know that he is standing shoulder to should ged and pleaded, failed to attend the men of each company together was like a spiritually dead church. Hear it, ye bands of unbreakable steel. If a sol-dier out foraging found food hidden away in a barn or if he found a desert-whether its members will regularly d pile of blankets or an extra pile of dry wood to be cut into kindling, the upper chamber of Jerusalem, to pray first persons he thought of were those of his company. There the members shared each other's joys. They sympathized with each other in their sorrows. If one of their number did wrong or got into trouble, the different members of his company would always come to his assistance. So, my friends, the members of each separate Christian church ought to be linked together | best voices trained by our musical colby gospel love. They should try to leges are never too good to be allowed shield each other and pray for each other and care for each other and help each other. They should never before the world expose each other's weaknesses any more than a wife should be willing to publish before a cynical neighborhood the weaknesses and shortcomings of her husband. Church members, in other words, should "be kindly affectioned to one another, with brotherly love, in honor preferring one

Not True Christians. "The church a harmonious gospel company? Oh, no," says one, "That ideal is not always a possibility. I know it is not possible for me to live in sympathy and love with all the members of my church. Some of them have been too mean and have done me many injustices. I can truly say I do not want to harm them, but I ertainly desire that they should leave me entirely alone. I certainly intend to leave them entirely alone. I do not wish to keep them out of heaven, but I do not wish some of them to sit beide me in a celestial mansion or by common earthly fireside made of brick and stone." My friend, by such an answer you are proving the Holy Spirit's power inefficacious. You are nstrating that you are unwilling e become one of Gideon's band and live in faithful harmony with the classen three hundred. God is willing to give you grace enough to love all year fellow church members if you man who will not accept the sacrificial will only ask for that grace. Has not blood of Jesus Christ and who will not the sure testimony been given, "I can protest against sin, wherever found to all things through Christ which The Christian church must be a unit strengtheneth me?" What an illustration of that fact we had in the closing months of the life of General Grant! In the darkest hours of that army must have a countersign. When eventful life, when cancer, that most I belonged to the United States army, horrible of all diseases, was slowly but during the Spanish-American war, surely eating its way to the vital or there were certain times I could not gans, how bravely, how calmly, bow pass in or out of the camp without unselfishly the great soldier bore his giving the countersign. So we find suffering and, sustained by God's that all the Christian churches have a grace, went unfalteringly to the grave. countersign. That countersign is one "The world may know him as a great word of five letters, and that one word general, as a successful politician, but I is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Jesus, know him," wrote his family physi- who is our Saviour; Jesus, who lived cian, Dr. Douglass, "as a patient, gen- and died and rose again to redeem the tle, quiet, uncomplaining sufferer, look- world and to save his people from ing death calmly in the face and count- their sins. ing almost the hours he had to live, and those hours were studied by him that he might contribute something of benefit to some other fellow sufferer. There is sure to be to a more or less If he was great in his life he was even greater in his death!"

If the Lord God could give sufficient grace to Ulysses S. Grant to serve him very apt to demoralize all the ranks. here. amid such harrowing surroundings will not God give you enough grace in more or less extent a coward?" Yes, the darkest hours of your Christian life my friend. We all have a cowardly to be a good Christian soldier, so that streak within us. We must therefore you shall love your fellow church mem- be very caroful how we let a faint hours of your life" because I firmly turn and run. believe that some so called Christians are passing through a religious crisis. may become outward cowards, read the You are now about to decide your memoirs of one of our greatest generbelong to your same church family. By the grace of God it is possible. And if you are not willing to let that divine love have full control of your life, then instead of staying in a church and disputing and finding fault control of your life, then puting and finding fault control of your leave that church and ge with the other members it is far better for you to leave that church and ge belind the Englishmen in this respect. There were produced in Wisconsin during that they had been even more frightent that they had been even more frightent in this respect. There were produced in Wisconsin during the past year 90,000,000 pounds of cheese, which is more than a quarter of the whole amount produced in the United Sick HEADACHE, being exported for the simple reason that the domestic demand takes all the next day that his argument that had a very convincing ring.

There were produced in Wisconsin during the previous and that she would never marry Tom, and yet when he brought around that solitaire diamond ving that they had been even more frightent that she would never marry Tom, and yet when he brought around that solitaire diamond ving the past year 90,000,000 pounds of cheese, which is more than a quarter of the whole amount produced in the United States. There is no Wisconsin cheese being exported for the simple reason that the domestic demand takes all the next day that his argument that his argument that he of the whole amount produced in the Englishmen in this respect. There were produced in Wisconsin during the previous and that she would never marry Tom, and yet when he brought around that solitaire diamond ving the past year 90,000,000 pounds of the whole amount produced in the United States. There is no Wisconsin during the previous around that solitaire diamond the ways said that they had been even marry Tom, and yet when he brought around that solitaire diamond that solitaire diamond that solitaire diamond that so back to the world and thereby play cause you may start others criticising

the gospel coward, as did the 22,000 him. Do not talk about your anxieties men who deserted Gideon's standard lest the church audiences should no at the first opportunity the Hebrew commander gave them to skulk home. The church should be a harmoniously organized army. It is not only possible thereby to hur! a solid front against the Satanic foe, but also by preponderance of numbers, concentrated in one move, to make, as the Bible says, a small one a strong nation." Concentration in military parlance means not only conquest, but generally the complete mystification and disorganization of an opposing foe. If by a sure mathematical calculation the military chieftain can drive as a battering ram ten offensive men against one man on the defensive, the successful outcome of the

conflict becomes an assured fact.

tempted to battle his enemies in bulk.

power of military concentration. This

the terror of every northern commander

How can this great forward move-

ment of a single church against sin be

concentrated and conserved? First, by

all the church members every seven

portant than the Lord's day worship.

become inflamed with the holy zeal and

all conquering gospel enthusiasm. It is

the church must give diligent heed.

Concentrated church membership at the

midweek prayer meeting is of over-

whelming importance. I know of what

the ways of two kinds of churches.

In the one I have seen a mighty gos-

month out. Why? The people attend-

church members have no more right,

in this gospel movement, to let the

of the church forces in prayer meeting

means spiritual conquest for Christ.

The concerted strength of the church

concealed within a pitcher and a trum-

pet in the right hand. The lamp light-

ed can be used as the symbol of gespei faith, as revealed in God's word. The

trumpet can be used as the symbol of

the voice of a Christian church protest-

ing against a world steeped in sin.

Plenty of room in every Christian

church for all repentant sinners saved

by Christ's blood, but no room for any

man who will not accept the sacrificial

in its Calvary belief, and it must be s

As in every other army, the Christian

Be Brave For the Right.

The church army must be a har-

monious army and show a brave front.

extent cowardice lurking in the bearts

of us all. If one Christian soldier is

unit in its protest against sin.

also spiritual conquest for Christ.

Holy Ghost.

Strength In Unity. Lastly, I remark that a church mem bership should be a united and harlous and compact army. One traitor in the camp can do infinitely more damage than five hundred enemies without. Power of the Prayer Meeting. Benedict Arnold, after he had fled into the British ranks, was not to be feared. graphs, no two of which are alike. But had Major Andre, his messenger, ion of forces against his enemies and gone safely through to New York city. wind, the height of the clouds, the deand had he, Arnold, been allowed to grees of coid, the amount of water in ments that Napoleon Bonaparte won command West Point one week longer. his great victories. During all the milall hopes of American liberty would itary career of the "Little Corsican" his armies were outnumbered by those have been destroyed. Julius Cæsar of his opponents. But one day we find | could conquer nations, but Julius Caesar could not defend himself against a traitor's dagger. "What! Thou, too, one wing of the Austrian army. The wing of the Austrian army. One day

ing, grating words of despair.

lest the church audiences should not

keep up. Do not exaggerate the re-

sults of your foolish imaginations. Do

not, in other words, give free rein to

your gospel cowardice. If you do you

may unkennel and unleash the coward-

ly disposition in us all. If you ever

wish to be a blessing as a church mem-

ber, only sound forth the inspiring

words of hope. God knows there are

It is of vast importance that the preservation of the sacred honor of the Christian church be intrusted to those who are truly her friends. Therefore, my fellow church members, never try to placate a church enemy by electing he met his fate at Waterloo had he at- any man to a position of trust unless he be a prayerful man and unless deep down in his Christlike heart he fully realizes the solemnity of his trust. Never elect any man to a position in a by detail-piecemeal. He did it by the church unless that man is first ready to ciplined force, actually reducing by a was the way Frederick the Great car. Put all bitterness out of his heart and capricious test the number of his fol- ried on his wars of many years. This to get down on his knees and earnestly lowers. Under God's command he dis- was the way Washington and Nathanael and tenderly say: "O Lord, my God, shepherd to them, as thou art ready to guide me, Teach me, O Master, to say, 'I forgive,' as I would have thee say unto me, 'I forgive thee also, my child." No man in church life is fitted to be a leader of men until he himself is first ready to be cleansed of sin. fault finding, indifferent recruits. Gld- strength against the Satanic foe in one Better a smaller church; better three er clouds tend toward open branches two thousand men who are not ready to

let Christ lead them as he would. The Loyal Few. quering army without telling you, my people, the object I have in view. First, I want to kindle to holy zeal the scores and hundreds and thousands of been for years torn and rent asunder with internal strife. Pastors are disto that roll call that the members of couraged, people are discouraged, Christian communities are discouraged about them. "Oh," these people say, "we are only a little handful. We speak. During my life I have observed have dwindled down and down until there is hardly any membership left. What are we to do?" Why, ye discouraged churches, by the grace of God ye can do everything. God has been sifting your membership until the best are left. You are now a Gideon's band. United and welded together by trouble you can accomplish wonders. It was not by great numbers that Gid-

der with friends as to realize that he is standing face to face with attacking foes. Civil war veterans have told me that the affection which bound the standing face to face with a full prayer meeting means a spiritually conquering church. A church with an empty prayer meeting means to show you that these conquerors over the Midianitish hosts were ordinary men. Who were they? We don't know. They were selected at random. Some came perhaps from wealthy homes; some came from the homes of modeled on the lines of the latest rac- as long to reach places as it did in poverty. They were all selected simply by the way they lapped up the water of a pleasure boat, for the hull has have seen the coming of all the greatwhen they drank of the famous brook. together earnestly week by week for So God is going to judge our availabilthe manifestation of the power of the ity to be among his chosen followers by the way we are ready to do, in his name, the little things of life. He will The concerted forward movement of judge whether we are fitted for mema church, in the next place, must be bership in the Gideonite band by the manifested in the united voices of its way we smile a good morning; by the members lifted in songs of praise and way we help upon the car a poor womin its gospel energy. Oh, yes, the very an with her basket; by our willingness to sit by a humble sickbed; by the way

we lead in prayer in the house of trouto sing in the church choir. But the ble and by the way we forgive. Under Christ's Banner, The third purpose: I would show choir do all the singing than the pew that these three hundred immortal has to expect the pulpit to do all the Gideonite conquerors were all volum praying. Methodist pews have sung as teers. Christ's disciples must be volunmany immortal souls into glory as teers, not conscripts. One of the most Methodist pulpits have won by preachhorrible pictures ever painted was that ing. "Let everything that breathes by M. Clairin, called the "Conscripts." praise the Lord!" In every service let It shows an African scene where hunthe old fashloned hymns be given out dreds of young men are manacled in and let all the people sing. Yes, shout chains and are being forcibly compelforth your gospel battle songs like the sound of many waters! Concentration victs they are being driven away to almost certain death. But Christ's army, like that of Gideon, has in it no con-Concentration of the songs of praise in one great congregational chorus means church must be a volunteer. Will you in the next place, should make that united band, to march against the Sachurch a unit in its belief in the autanle hosts? Will you go forth a harthority of God's revealed word and dous company of Christians, ready also in its protest against sin, wherever to battle in Christ's name? Will you found. When the three hundred Gidenot realize that all your past trials, onites went forth to battle, their most whether in church or out of it, have effective weapons were a lighted lamp been only a means used to fit you for

> Many a foe is a friend in disguise. Many a sorrow a blessing most true, Helping your heart to be happy and wise, With faith over precious and love ever

come a member of Gideon's band?

So stand in the van; Strive like a man; This is the bravest, the eleverest plan; Trusting in Christ, will you do what you

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Native American Drugs, An alarm which will have a novel sound to most laymen is uttered by Dr. Henry Kraemer in the American Journal of Pharmacy. It is that if the esent rate of gathering native herbs and drugs continues for ten years it is probable that our principal medicinal plants will be well nigh exterminated unless measures are taken to conserve

The cutting off of the forests also endangers these growths. Some of our well known plants are already nearly exterminated. Among these are spigelia, serpentaria, senega and cypripe

The following classification is given: Cultivated medicinal plants in the United States, 190; wild indigenous or nentralized, 178; foreign plants that might be cultivated, 56; foreign plants roximately three-fourths of all medicinal plants are growing wild or in culallowed, using a common phrase, to tivation in this country, and of the show the "white feather," he will be rest probably, one-half could be grown

"What!" you say. "Every man to a No Overproduction of Cheese. "You might as well look for an overproduction of children as an overproyou shall love your fellow church mem-be very careful how we let a faint duction of cheese," said U. S. Baer, sec-bers as yourself? I say "in the darkest hearted Christian soldier influence us to retary of the Wisconsin Cheesemakers' "The fact that we have upward of 1,700 cheese factories in If you do not believe that all men Wisconsin has raised the cry that the business is being overdone. The people whole eternal destiny. You are to de- als, than whom no braver man ever of this country have not yet learned to ide it not by how you profess to love lived. Yet he tells us that when he eat cheese, but they are coming to it. God, but by how you are willing to went into battle the first time he trem- Let me tell you the consumntion per love your fellow church members. Are bled like an aspen leaf shaken in the capita in England is nearly thirteen A thermometer intelligently used is you ready, here and now, as Christian wind. He was so scared that he would pounds a year, while in Wisconsin it is lers to "be kindly affectioned to one have turned and fied but for the fact only about three pounds a year to each Talk. another, with brotherly love in honor that he was afraid his regiment would person. We are away above the averng one another?" Do not tell run away with him. Then, much to age of the states in the consumption of me that it is impossi, ie for you to live his surprise, when he came to where the enemy had been encamped he found behind the Englishmen in this respect.

There were produced in Wisconsin dur.

SNOW CRYSTALS.

good sense of the advice given to can-These Wonderful Lucelike Shapes Are Formed. didates for the ministry by a prominent The wonderfully beautiful and intri-Philadelphia clergyman in urging them eate designs of snow crystals have long to learn some trade either before or excited admiration. Various students after their ordination. He has examined the statistics of the various Prothave made detailed investigations of estant denominations and has been aptheir extraordinary form and have pubpalled by the number of ministers who lished drawings of what they look like are without a charge. He thinks that enough and too many who are always when magnified, but the most remarka trade would be a good thing to fall ready to sit around in the dark church able collection of actual photographs back on in such cases, besides standing corners and croak the miserable, whin- of these crystals (technically, photomicrographs) is in the possession of ways while still in the pulpit. Wilson A. Bentley of Jericho, Vt. Mr. The advice is applicable to men entering almost any of the learned pro-Bentley has been making a special study of snow crystals during twenty fessions, but particularly so to clergymen, who run greater risks apparently years. He has photographed many hundreds of them and has now in his

than any class of professionals of being "laid off" from their regular line of work. Most of the large denominations have a fund to provide for their The forms vary according to the superannuated clergy, but the stipends awarded are usually too meager to do more than pay for the barest necessities of life.-Leslie's Weekly. the air, etc. Crystals formed in cold weather or in high clouds are usually A Clever American Woman. One of the cleverest women in this

Those formed in moderate weather and light winds or in low clouds are Brutus?" tells the whole story of the apt to have frail branches and to be infinite mischief a traitor may be able of a feathery type. Mixed forms grow part'y in low and partly in high clouds. High winds give broken and irregular torms and much moisture the very

Heavy granular covered crystals are peculiarly a product of the lower or intermediate cloud strata, and especially of moist snowstorms. In intense cold they are rare, while the columnar and solid tubular then become common. About four-fifths of the perfect forms occur within the west and north quadrants of great storms.

The most common forms outlined within the nuclear or central portions plied, "True, M. le President, but the of the crystals are a simple star of six rays, a solid hexagon and a circle. The And she just knocked the Frenchman subsequent additions assume a bewildering variety of shapes, each of which usually differs widely from the one that preceded it and from the primitive nuclear form at its center. By bearing in mind the fact that crystals evolved within the upper clouds tend toward solidity and the crystals formed in lowand feathery forms, it is possible to trace the history and travels of a great many of the crystals.

The beautiful details, the lines, rods, flowery geometrical tracings and deli-But I cannot close my study of this cate symmetrically arranged shadings mighty theme of the church as a conmore open ones are due to minute inclusions of air. This included air prechurches all over the land which have vents a complete joining of the water molecules; the walls of the resultant air tubes cause the absorption and refraction of a part of the rays of light entering the crystal; hence those portions appear darker by transmitted light than do the other portions .- Na- his death. tional Geographic Magazine.

MODERN RACING CRAFT.

Made Four Thousand Years Ago, as Shown by Egypt's Ships. The truth of the old saying that there is nothing new under the sun has been once more demonstrated by the discovery of a model boat at least 4,000 years old which resembles in many respects the racing craft of the present days, says Golden Penny. This model boat ter. News was carried by the post was discovered in an Egyptian tomb. Although the boat is only a toy, it affords proof of the fact that the racing | the same as in the period of the great been so cut down for the sake of speed that it would be quite uscless as a cargo or passenger boat. The most modern rowing boats made have not such a deep keel as that from which the model was copied.

There has been a good deal of dis cussion at one time or another as to whether England or America invented the "fin keel" for racing boats. There is no question that the honor belongs to neither country, since both have unconsciously copied the idea from Egypt. Until a few years ago boat builders had never constructed a boat with a line prow equal to that seen on the little model just unearthed. Racing tion has no salary, but for every grave yachts of twenty years ago had no

mproved on the boats of 4,000 years ago. The stern of the model is not so good as would be the stern of a model of a modern racing yacht. Considerled to enter the sultan's army. As con- able improvements have also been made in the steering gear. However, to all intents and purposes the boats used by river enthusiasts on the Nile 4,000 scripts. The Christian soldier of the years ago were very much like the modern racers of today from the point enlist under Christ's banner? Will you of view of appearance. In the matter go forth in the name of this church, a of speed the modern boat would be their superior.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Old Jokes Popula "It must be very discouraging to the men who write comedy, and especially to the men who write librettos of the musical comedies, to realize that the ultimate gospel triumph? Will you be old jokes are the ones that invariably get the laugh," said the veteran theater goer. "I have frequently observed this state of affairs. The original humor that the author places in the mouths of his characters never seems to appeal said the man with the forceps. The to the audience like the mess grown jests that are evidently interpolated. returned it, leaned back in the chair In fact, the older a joke is the more welcome it seems to be. I suppose it's for the fray and quietly remarked, on the principle that old friends are "Well, I reckon ye'd better go other evening that was full of laughs, and most of the lines were original, but the thing that struck the audience as being the funniest bit in the show was when the principal comedian drinks champagne for the first time, makes a grimace and says, 'It feels four and six years of age, were very just like your foot was asleep.' Then the people howled and nearly fell out of their seats from sheer force of merriment. And yet I'll venture to say the joke, if you can call it a joke, is at least twenty-five years old. It just goes to show that familiarity doesn't always breed contempt."-Philadelphia Record.

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night had a very convincing ring .-Somerville Journal.

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50 YEARS'

The sermon of a British vicar charging great immorality in the pottery towns in Staffordshire has caused dis-TRADE MARKS
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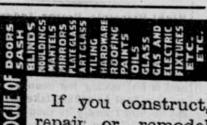
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